

Better Schooling

A REPORT WHICH HAS BEEN of interest to many Canadians was published recently under the title "Better Schooling for Canadian Youth". The report was the result of a study made over a period of four years by a committee made up of one representative each of a number of associations in the fields of agriculture, commerce, education, industry, labour and the home. The undertaking was financed by a number of national associations, individual firms and labour organizations and its object was to find out "what constitutes a suitable secondary school education for students who go directly to employment from school." The work was inspired by the late Dr. Fletcher Peacock, president of the Canadian Education Association in 1946, when he told the Canadian Manufacturers' Association that if funds were provided, the Educational Association would help to find out "what was wrong with education."

Slow To Meet Rural Needs

The resulting report gave some interesting facts concerning secondary education in Canada and made recommendations based on the findings of the committee. One part of the report dealt with the needs in rural areas. It said "Agriculture is a major industry in Canada, but the secondary schools have been slow to develop courses in this field." It went on to say that secondary schools in rural areas are frequently small and offer only a limited course, and also that there is the mistaken impression among many people that agriculture is an unskilled occupation, for which no special training is needed beyond that which the farm boy receives at home. On the contrary, those who make a study of this matter arrived at the conclusion that agriculture is a business for which technical education as well as a good general education is needed.

Says Studies Should Go On

The report recommends that secondary schools in rural areas should emphasize skills needed on the farm and should also give instruction in agricultural knowledge, conservation, bookkeeping, farm organization, consumer problems, farm management and other related subjects. It also suggested that attention should be given to making farm life more attractive by the study of rural electrification, recreation, modernization of farm homes and kindred subjects. The report also mentioned that only one of many discussed in the report, which concluded with recommendations that continuous research should be carried on with the object of improving secondary education in Canada to meet the needs of the country in these changing times.

1951 Was Good Year For Farmers

OTTAWA.—Farmers in 1951 had their second best production year in history. The bureau of statistics reported that the physical volume of agricultural production, based on 1935-39 the average 100, was estimated at 107.7 last year. The figure compared with 130.5 for 1950 and the record high of 140.2 in 1942.

Bumper grain crops on the prairies, together with increased production of livestock, tobacco, vegetables, poultry, and eggs, were responsible for the high production index. The increase more than offset declines in the output of dairy products, potatoes, sugar beets, fruits, and maple products.

Winner Receives \$102,000 In Alaska River Breakup

NEENAHNA, Alaska.—The ice on the far north Tanana river went Monday night, May 12, and tripped a time clock, bringing \$102,000 in the territory's big ice pool, for the winner is Charles R. Montjoy, Juneau.

More than 150,000 Alaskans submitted guesses at \$1 each on the time of the ice breakup. Expenses cut the pot down to \$102,000.

However, Uncle Sam will be the real winner as Montjoy will have to pay approximately \$60,000 in taxes out of the payoff.

Marriage Advice Keeps Workers Happy On Job

COVENTRY, England.—As the machines start up each morning in a factory here a friendly voice addresses the workers over the loudspeaker system. It doesn't pep talk them—it gives them marriage advice.

The scheme was started on the principle that "you can't be happy at the factory if you are not happy at home."

Harry Weston, manager of the factory, says that his own wife claims the talks are a great success. So much so, in fact, that he is arranging others.



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Funny and Otherwise

While attending a night club with a favourite escort, a girl went to the cloakroom to repair her hair and met several friends she hadn't seen for a long time. They started gossiping and she went on . . . and on.

Presently an attendant handed her a glass. It was from the viciously weary escort, and read: "Can't understand why you haven't written."

"How much does your hair weigh now, Auntie?"

"Goodness me, Agnes, what are you talking about?"

"Well, Mummy says it gets a bit lighter every time you go and see the hairdresser."

His mother-in-law was written to say that she was coming to live with them. As, hatchet-faced, she approached the house, she saw a large crowd. Pushing her way to the front, she blinked in consternation at the damage a midnight fire had done—at the heap of bricks, the charred furniture.

"Dear me," she gasped, her face livid. "I didn't think he'd go as far as that."

"Hey George, how do you like married life?"

"Like it like a bird, boss."

"Yes, yes, I have to fly for my life."

"So you and your neighbor are not on speaking terms?"

"No. He sent me a can of oil to use on my lawn-mower when I started to cut the grass at six in the morning."

"And what did you do?"

"Sent it back and told him to use it on his wife when she started singing at eleven at night."

"I've just been congratulating Colonel Blase," said a guest at a luncheon. "He has been appointed governor of a province."

"Really?" said a pretty neighbour. "Now, for a job like that does one need influence, or does one start as a convict and rise from the ranks?"

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QUICKEST WAY TO "TRANSPER" ON ATLANTIC—In pictures just released, one of the U.S. destroyer-minesweeper USS Hobson is shown being transferred by helicopter from the USS Roman to the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown. The Yorktown and 176 men went to their deaths in mid-Atlantic maneuvers when the Hobson sank after colliding with the Waip, which suffered a shattering rip along her bow plates. Also taking part in the manoeuvre, the Hobson was on hand to pick up some of the survivors.—Central Press Canadian.

Forestry Association Conducts Successful Poster Competition

Total of 947 Posters Were Submitted by School Pupils of Three Prairie Provinces—Alberta Girl Wins the Grand Prize

In connection with Forest Conservation Week, a poster competition was held, open to all school pupils in the Western Provinces, with Provincial prizes, and a Grand Prize for the best poster submitted.

This contest closed with a total of 947 posters submitted from the three provinces: Alberta, 582; Manitoba, 319; Saskatchewan, 246. As not more than three, and in most cases only one poster was forwarded from each school, over 700 schools, or school classes, took an active part in this project. Pupils on class lists numbered five students, work on these posters was possibly underwritten by over 17,000 students. Returns were received from all over the West, from both public and private schools. Pupils from entries coming from small forest and farm communities.

As the main objective of the contest was to interest the young people in conservation, and increase their knowledge in the importance of our forest resources, this undertaking met with considerable success. It served to increase the effectiveness of the Association's work amongst the young people, providing publicity material in forest conservation. Each year "conservation classes" are attended annually by over 300,000 school pupils.

The following acted as Judges in selecting the Prize Winners: Miss N. H. George, Mr. J. G. Bonner, Mr. Corey Kilvert, Mr. Alan Beaven, all of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Prize Winners.
The Grand Prize of \$25.00, for the best poster submitted, was awarded to Miss Larone Ferguson, Keg River School, Keg River, Alberta.

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Second Prize, \$15.00—Miss Ellen Olsen, St. Mary's High School, Edmonton, Alberta.

Third Prize, \$10.00—Miss Myrtle Campbell, Holy Angels School, Fort Chipewyan, Alberta.

Five Honourable Mention Prizes of \$1.00—Miss Margaret Merceh, Holy Angels School, Fort Chipewyan, Alberta; Miss Alice Decome, Holy Angels School, Fort Chipewyan, Alberta; Mr. Fred Keen, Cadomin Jr. High School, Cadomin, Alberta; Miss Catherine Reed, Hamilton Jr. High School, Lethbridge, Alberta; Mr. Alex Knapella, Kycroft School, Kycroft, Alberta.

Manitoba
First Prize, \$10.00—Mr. Gary Patton, Earl Oxford School, Brandon, Man.

Second Prize, \$15.00—Miss Maude Bird, Earl Oxford School, Brandon, Man.

Third Prize, \$10.00—Mr. David Taylor, Earl Oxford School, Brandon, Man.

Five Honourable Mention Prizes of \$1.00—Miss Helen Homenik, Isaac Brock School, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Miss Patty Jo Bennett, Isaac Brock School, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Keith McCallum, Earl Oxford School, Brandon, Manitoba; Miss Norma Paylor, Terence School, Pin Point, Manitoba; Miss Joan Thompson, Earl Haig School, Brandon, Manitoba.

First Prize, \$25.00—Miss Diana Deprose, Prince Edward School, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

Second Prize, \$15.00—Mr. Peter Bennenden, Connaught School, Regina, Saskatchewan.

Third Prize, \$10.00—Miss Aveline Koskowsky, Handel School, Handel, Saskatchewan.

Five Honourable Mention Prizes of \$1.00—Young Man, Central School, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan; Mr. Chong Mah, Central School, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan; Mr. David Lyphich, Yellow Creek, S.D. No. 18, Yellow Creek, Saskatchewan; Miss Audrey Schwinghammer, St.

Hay-Fever-Free Vacation Available In All Provinces

OTTAWA.—Hay fever sufferers seeking a fever-free vacation can find suitable spots in every province in Canada, the Canadian government travel bureau said. British Columbia and the Rocky Mountain areas of Alberta are virtually free of ragweed pollen—the main cause of hay fever—the report said. Saskatchewan, except for the extreme south, also was given a clean bill.

Ragweed is more common in Manitoba than other prairie provinces, but Riding Mountain National park and the northern part of the province should be quite safe for those attempting to escape from the pollen.

In Ontario, ragweed is everywhere. There are an estimated 2,000,000 in the United States and 100,000 in Canada are advised to go north of a line from Perry Sound to Pembroke on head for the holiday resorts of the Muskoka and Algonquin park districts.

Quebec's most inviting area for the hay fever sufferer is in the Gaspé peninsula north of a line from Rimouski to Matapédia. The large northern counties of Terrebonne and Abitibi are safe refuges, and this situation exists at least as far as the Laurentians as Mont Laurier.

Newfoundland is almost completely free of ragweed, while the larger part of the other three Atlantic provinces has little ragweed. Nova Scotia is carrying out a control campaign and the other provinces have planned similar action.

Cypress Park To Get Electric Power

REBINA.—The electrification of Cypress Park and the building of a new golf clubhouse are two of the major projects in the plans of the province for the year. The province is carrying out a control campaign and the other provinces have planned similar action.

The power line will be built from Maple Creek south to the park. It is estimated that 10 to 20 farmers will be served as well along the 25-mile route. The project is expected to be completed by the beginning of the tourist season.

Other improvements planned for the park include a larger parking area and cabin improvements at Kenosau, four new two-room cabins at Greenview lake, and construction of 10 miles of new freguard, and improvement and seeding of four fairways and 10 miles of rough and fairways.

Landscaping and painting will be done in all the parks.

First Wheat For 1952 Shipping Arrives At Churchill

CHURCHILL, Man.—Fourteen cars of wheat—the first of the 1952 shipping season—were unloaded in this northern Manitoba port May 12 including four cars of damp grain dried at the local terminal elevator.

Present prospects indicate this year will be the busiest yet. It is expected at least 10,000 bushels of grain will be handled here for European markets.

Hot Rice Nut Loaf
1 cup fine dry bread or unsalted cracker crumbs
1/2 to 1 teaspoon butter melted
1/2 to 1 teaspoon sugar (optional)
Salt and pepper to taste

Mix all the ingredients together thoroughly and pack into a small loaf pan or into one of a larger size. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until lightly browned. Yields 6-8 servings. Serve hot with chili sauce, catsup, hot tomato sauce or homemade pickle dressing. Use in place of sausage and sage.

CHASE DIRT
Before repainting, walls that have previously been painted with an oil paint should be washed thoroughly with a detergent to remove all grease and dirt. This is particularly true of a kitchen where cooking deposits a film of grease which—if not removed—will interfere with the drying and adhesion of new paint.

EGGY
Cakes
ANNONCE
NONE FOR ME NOW

ARE YOU ILL?
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